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 Serial No. : 09/996,019
 Filed : November 28, 2001
 For : INFORMATION PROCESSING METHOD AND APPARATUS
 AND RECORDING MEDIUM FOR SIMPLIFYING A SIGN-UP
 OPERATION (AS AMENDED)
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Transmitted herewith is an amendment in the above-identified application.

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☐ This is an application of a small entity under 37 CFR 1.9(f), and the amounts shown in parentheses apply.

Claims as Amended

(1)	(2) Claims remaining after amendment	(3)	(4) Highest number previously paid for	(5) Present extra	(6) Rare	(7) Additional Fee
Total claims	20	Minus	** =20	* 0 x	\$50 (25)	= \$ 0
Independent claims	6	Minus	*** =6	* 0 x	\$200 (100)	= \$ 0
Total additional fee for this amendment						\$ 0

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- ☐ This application contains a multiple dependent claim. The required fee of \$360(180) has been previously paid ☐, or is paid herewith ☐.
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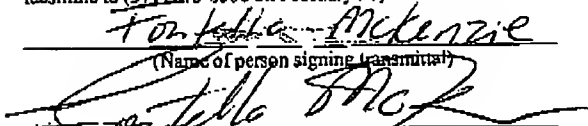
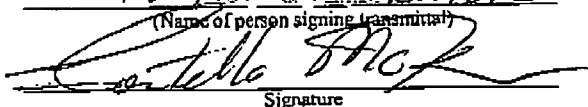
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Sir:

In response to the non-final Office Action mailed on November 30, 2005, having a three-month statutory period for response set to expire on February 28, 2006, please amend the above-identified application as follows.

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Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims, which begins
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Remarks/Arguments begin on page 12 of this paper.

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